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(54) High speed data transfer over twisted pair cabling

(57) A method provides for a first network node in a plurality of network nodes to transmit a data packet to a hub. The hub and the network nodes are interconnected within a local network system. Control signals are exchanged between the first network node and the hub. The exchange of control signals is done in a first signal frequency range. A data packet is sent from the first network node to the hub. The data packet is sent using data signals within a second signal frequency range. The first signal frequency range and the second signal frequency range do not overlap.

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